

## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed to a method and system for a printer driver to retrieve information from a printer mapped to a printer server. A printer driver residing on a client machine searches for all printers accessible by the client machine. A user is then prompted to select one of the printers discovered. The client machine then stores the printer IP address and the printer network path information in the registry. The actual port of the discovered printer is then ascertained using the information garnished from the printer server and the information stored in the client machine registry. The printer driver then communicates directly with the printer using the printer IP address and the network path. The system of the present invention utilizes two software components for searching and storing the printer IP address and the printer network path.